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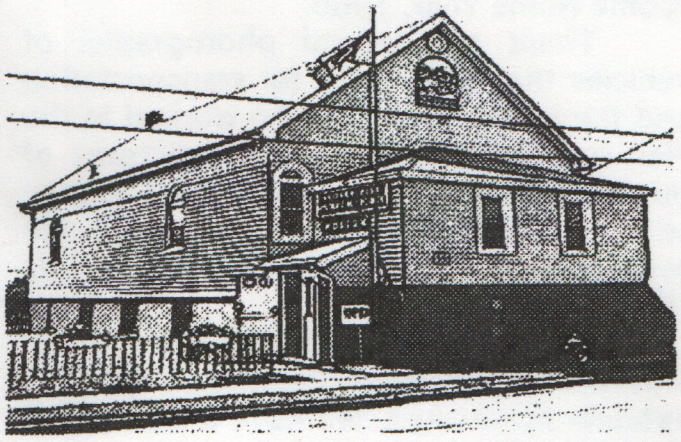

Time has a way of flying by and it is time to get our second issue out.
We are very pleased at the response to the newsletter. Thanks folks for the kind words and encouragement. We now have a healthy e-list so that the newsletter can travel far a-field.
Again, many thanks to our monthly community sponsors and our staff, Tammy MacNeil, Mary Mombourquette, and Ashley Campbell who pulled it all together!

Sandra Dunn

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Hours of Operation:
July & Aug: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm
Sept: Wed to Sat. 1-4pm & by Appt.
October: Tours and by Appointment

Message from the President

May and June saw approximately 1000 visitors to the museum from Canada, the US, Britain and Australia. On cruise day staff greet our guests in period costumes adding to the visitor's enjoyment of the experience.

Our thanks to the Whitney Pier and Area Garden Club for the great job they do each year planting and maintaining the area below our sign.

A warm welcome to our newest summer employee, Evan Manzur who joined us the 1st. week in July.

We want to wish member Jim Evans all he best as he recuperates in the Regional. He logs many volunteer hours with the museum, and is always ready to lend a hand when needed. Vice Pres. Gordon "Gramps' Kiley has fully recovered from his broken hip. He may have been down for the count, but he's back in top form.

I am very proud of the ongoing interest and support of our community residents, membership has grown and our volunteer base is doubled.

The state of the sidewalk in front of the museum was becoming a concern to us, but is now replaced. Thanks to Councilor Jim MacLeod for listening to, and acting on, our concerns.

We invite you to visit and discover what's happening at your community museum. Even better, become a member -- it's only $5 annually. Our membership is growing all the time. Help support worthwhile projects that benefit the whole community.

Charlie Neville

President,
Whitney Pier Historical Society

Trail Talk

by Mary Mombourquette

Trail Coordinator

Tree planting and Commemorative Elements Funding:

We are looking at ideas for the commemorative element along the trail route. Some ideas include planting trees in memory of people for instance, steel workers, local residents, events, and cultures. Other elements may include park benches, plants and plaques, as a way of informing and benefiting future generations.

Proposed Amenities:

Washrooms and parking at both ends of the trail, and in the future a place for outdoor concerts and lighting to make night use feasible.

It takes time to properly develop a trail, but we are on target and moving forward steadily. A public information session will be held when the committee has secured all final documents and support, and are ready to start construction. In the meanwhile for further information please contact us: Ph:564-9819.E-mail **wpchtrail@eastlink.ca** or visit the temporary Trail website at **www.wpchtrail.4t.com**

Happenings:

August 7 Caribbean Festival. St Philips African Orthodox Church, Hankard St.

August 8 Merchandise bingo, Menelick Hall 7 pm.

August 8 Action Week tea at the museum 2-3:30

Our Thanks to Joan Candelora of Joan's Whitney Pier Market, Victoria Rd. for sponsoring this issue of Pier Times & Trails.

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Teas and Tours

by Ashley Campbell, Tour Guide

Our first Tuesday Tea started off with great success. We had a large number of people come and join us for our first tea on Tuesday, July 11. Many people complimented us on our guest band, Alvin and the Artifacts. People came from far and wide to socialize, relax and be entertained. We offered our guests tea biscuits with jam and marmalade, chocolate mint wafers as well as a variety of drinks including King Cole Tea, coffee, etc. Six people were pleased to walk away with our door prizes which were donated by King Cole Tea. We also had the Destination Cape Breton Trekkers come in and help us with serving and entertaining

and help us with serving and entertaining our visitors for the tea. People complimented us on how friendly and professional the Trekkers were. We send our appreciation and thanks to the trekkers whom made it possible for the tea to go over with great ease.
We would like to extend a reminder that our teas take place every Tuesday at 2:00 pm and we invite all to come and join us for a cup of hot tea.
Regretfully there will be no cruise ship tours throughout July. Cruise ship tours will be starting up again in August and run through October. We are waiting with excitement to once again share our amazing history of Whitney Pier with the world.

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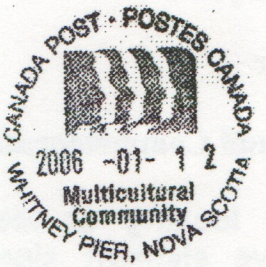
Celtic Colours Concert
October 10th Holy Redeemer Church
Don't forget to get your tickets for

A Greeting From Across the Sea

This venue is always a sellout



Did you know that the community has it own cancellation stamp at the Pier Post Office, thanks to Postmistress Debbie Hutchinson? Check it out!

OOPS!

Due to technical difficulties our community display at the Joan Harris Pavilion has been delayed. We hope that these problems are overcome soon so that our community can be showcased to visitors.

Eastmount School 1933-34
Recognize anyone? Let us know.

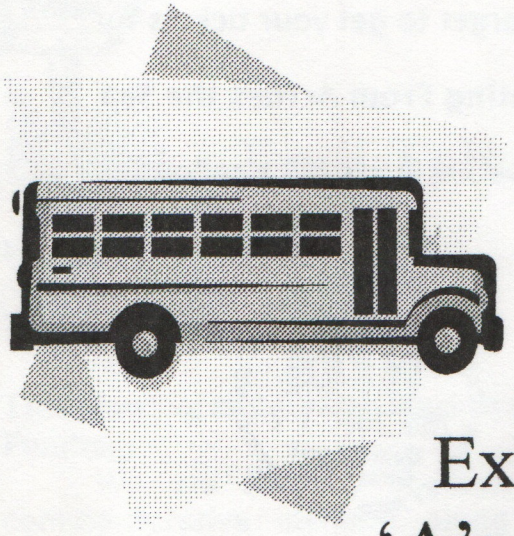


Exhibit 'A': Remembering Our Past

By Tammy MacNeil
Project Coordinator

You may be surprised to learn that the Whitney Pier Museum has exhibits downstairs as well as on the main floor. There is also an industry exhibit in the rear porch. In fact, almost anywhere you look in the museum you will see something representing life in the Pier in days gone by.

One of the new exhibits downstairs is our Transportation exhibit. Several artifacts and photographs make up this exhibit. The highlight of this exhibit is Johnny Tynski's "Cape Breton Transportation Tokens," a hand-drawn map that shows the tramways of Sydney and district that were operational in the first half of the twentieth century. We have several of the actual tramway tokens that are illustrated in the map. The different tokens were used for different routes.

We have license plates on display as well. You can see how the sizes of license plates have changed over the years. The plate we have from "Sydney 1931" is much smaller than the modern plates we have on our cars today. We also have a license plate from Newfoundland and Labrador to commemorate their "Come Home Year, 1966."

There are several photographs of vehicles that were used for transportation and the public servants who worked in the Pier over the years. We have pictures of buses and tramcars as well as the Sydney and Whitney Pier Bus Company staff. We even have a couple of photos of the Sub Filling Station.

When you're visiting the Whitney Pier Museum this summer, be sure to visit our exhibits downstairs. We have a lot for you to see here!